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SUBJECT: REACTION EPORT - KISSINGER LATAM TRIP

1. KISSINGER'S LATAM TRIP SILL PROMINENT FRONT PAGE,
PRIME TIME ITEM IN SAO PAULO MEDIAGM TODAY'S NEWS-
PAPERS AND LAST NIGHT'S TV NEWS PROGRAMS FEATURED
CRITICISM OF U.S.-BRAZIL "AXIS", FRENCH PRESS COMMENTARIES,
REPERCUSSION AT UN AND ITAMARATY'S COMMENTS ON RESULTS
OF TRIP TO BRAZIL. PROPOSAL BY INTERNATIONAL TRADE
COMMITTEE TO FORD TO INCREASE TARIFFS ON SHOE IMPORTS
PLAYED INSIDE BY MAJOR DAILIES.

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2. TUPI TELEVISION NETWORK USED ITC RECOMMENDATION AS

LEAD ITEM (FEBRUARY 23), FOLLOWED BY BOGOTA'S "EL TIEMPO" EDITORIAL AGAINST U.S.-BRAZIL MEMORANDUM AND PRESIDENT MICHELSEN'S SUPPORT OF PANAMA'S POSITION ON THE CANAL ISSUE.

3. TV BANDEIRANTES (FEBRUARY 23) OBSERVED THAT "IN BRAZIL, THE U.S.-BRAZIL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IS SEEN WITH RESERVE." O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO'S CHIEF EDITOR OLIVEIROS S. FERREIRA SAID IN INTERVIEW FOR BANDEIRANTES: "IT IS THE GENERAL ATMOSPHER OF RELATIONS (BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES) THAT IS GOING TO DETERMINE FROM HERE ON WHETHER THIS COMMITTEE IS REALLY OF MAJOR IMPORTANT OR ONLY ONE MORE RHETORICAL GESTURE..." RE POSSIBILITY OF "IMPROVEMENT" OF TRADE EXCHANGE, FERREIRA SAID: "IN THE LONG RUN, DEPENDING ON THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE RELATIONS,... THERE MAY BE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON PART OF THE U.S." (I.E. TO ALTER THE TRADE ACT).

4. MAJOR DAILIES' HEADLINES: "ACCORD RAISES CRITICISM IN LATIN AMERICA" (CONSERVATIVE O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO); "THE 'NEW BRAZIL (AS MAJOR) POWER' WORRIES OUR NEIGHBORS" (LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO); "SURCHARGE PROPOSED IN THE U.S. IS 35 PERCENT" (BUSINESS-ORIENTED GAZETA MERCANTIL).

5. JORNAL DA TARDE (FEBRUARY 23)
PAPER CARRIES ANOTHER UNUSUALLY LONG EDITORIAL, HEADLINED "IF REALLY WERE SO, KISSINGER'S VISIT WAS A SUCCESS", CRITICIZING KISSINGER'S AND SILVEIRA'S SPEECHES IN BRASILIA REGARDING EROSION OF BIPOLAR WORLD AND DISPERSAL OF WORLD POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER AFTER WORLD WAR TWO. IN WHATSEEMS TO BE FOLLOW-UP OF PREVIOUS LONG EDITORIAL (SEE MEDIA REACTION REPORT-II FEBRUARY 16); JORNAL DA TARDE SAYS: "THE EVIDENT REALITY WHICH NO RHETORIC CAN DENY IS THAT BOTH SILVEIRA'S REFERENCE TO WORLD MILITARY CAPABILITY AND KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS ABOUT THE EROSION OF BIPOLAR BALANCE ARE TWO DIPLOMATIC LIES." (NOTE: JORNAL DA TARDE IS AFTERNOONER OWNED BY O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO). EDITORIAL ALSO QUESTIONS RESULTS OF TRIP TO BRAZIL;
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"DESPITE POSITIVE ASPECTS THE IMPRESSION REMAINS THAT MINOR PROBLEMS WILL PREVAIL FOR LONG TIME IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND U.S..AMERICAN POLITICAL WILL, FUNDAMENTAL TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW 'EXCLUSIVE UNDERSTANDING' BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, COULD ONLY BE WIDELY EXPRESSED IF MECANISM OF U.S. INSTITUTIONS WERE CHANGED...IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S., IN ITS INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY, IS UNAWARE OF HISTORY BY PLACING LATAM IN SECONDARY LEVEL...IF IT IS TRUE THAT KISSINGER'S TRIP MEANS THAT THE U.S., AFTER ALL,

BEGINS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE WEST ALREADY LOST AFRICA AND ASIA, THEN WE CAN CONSIDER HIS VISIT TO BRAZIL A GREAT SUCCESS."

6. BUSINESS-ORIENTED GAZETA MERCANTIL

A. MATIAS M. MOLINA COMMENTS IN ITC PROPOSAL: "IT APPEARS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR FORD TO DARE TO CHALLENGE THE SHOE INDUSTRY AND LABOR UNIONS (IN AN ELECTION YEAR). HOWEVER, AS THE REACTION OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES IS BEING UNEXPECTEDLY VIOLENT (KISSINGER MAY GIVE HIM DETAILS OF THE VEHEMENCE OF BRAZILIAN PROTESTS), THE WAY-OUT FOR FORD IS A LESS SEVERE MEASURE THAN THAT SUGGESTED BY ITC, BUT EVEN SO MUCH TOUGHER THAN WHAT (BRAZILIAN) SHOE EXPORTERS WOULD LIKE."

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B. MERCANTIL REPORTS THAT REACTION TO ITC PROPOSAL IN RIO GRANDE SUL (MAJOR SHOE PRODUCING AND EXPORTING STATE) WAS ONE OF "PERPLEXITY." "IT IS GOING TO BE A DISASTER," SAID A SHOE PRODUCER QUOTED BY THE PAPER.

C. DIRCEU BRISOLA CAUTIONS AGAINST /EXAGERRATED OPTIMISM" IN LATAM AFTER KISSINGER'S TRIP. HE SAYS NEITHER U.S.- BRAZIL MEMORANDUM NOR KISSINGER'S "GOOD WILL" TOWARDS

SELA "HIT THE ESSENCE OF THE BASIC ISSUE CONSTANTLY
RAISED BY MOST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND, IN GENERAL,
BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I.E., AN ECONOMIC
RELATIONSHIP MORE FAVORABLE TO THE NON-RICH COUNTRIES."
D. MERCANTIL'S CARTOON SHOWS KISSINGER TRYING TO PULL
UP A LATIN AMERICAN CHARACTER, WHILE UNDER KISSINGER'S
LONG ROBE MANY FEET STEP ON HIS FEET AND LATIN
AMERICA'S AS WELL.

7. LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO

A. ALBERTO DINES' COMMENTARY SAYS THAT "ONE CANNOT
SIMPLE-MINDEDLY LABEL KISSINGER'S MISSION IN BRAZIL AS
A SUCCESS OR A FAILURE. IT WAS A PLAY IN A WIDE RANGING
GAME, WHERE BIG INTERESTS DEPEND UPON SMALL CIRCUMSTANCES.
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WHILE ENTERING THIS DISPUTED RANK OF NATIONS WHO ARE
CANDIDATES TO THE TITLE OF POWER, BRAZIL IS OBLIGED TO
ACCEPT CERTAIN RULES, CERTAIN VALUES, CERTAIN PROCEDURES."
B. COMMENTARY ON KISSINGER'S MEETING IN RIO WITH
BRAZILIAN "SECOND LEVEL" OFFICIALS SAYS: "THE MEETING
...SERVED MAINLY FOR AN EVALUATION, BY THE SECSTATE,
OF NUANCES...AT THE WORKING LEVEL OF NATIONAL PROBLEM
SOLVING."
C. FALVIO DE ALMEIDA SALLES SPECULATES ON THE U.S.-
ANGOLA RELATIONSHIP, SAYING THAT "WASHINGTON MAY EVEN
RECOGNIZE MPLA AND THAT ANGOLAN AND AMERICAN INTERESTS
ARE CONVERGING TOWARD THIS GOAL."

8. CONSERVATIVE O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO

A. EDITORIAL SAYS: "KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC TOUR IN LATAM
HAS A POSITIVE ASPECT: IT CERTIFIES THAT IF NOT THE
MAJORITY OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION, SUCH AS THE CONGRESS
AND THE PRESS, AT LEAST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BEGINS
TO BE AWARE THAT ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS OF
THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE MAY ASSUME DECISIVE
IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. AND OF THE WESTERN
WORLD AT LARGE. THIS IS TRUE MAINLY AS A CONSEQUENCE
OF THE PROCESS OF PROGRESSIVE AND ACCELERATED DISINTE-
GRATION OF THE WESTERN SYSTEM IN ASIA AND AFRICA,
WHERE COUNTRIES, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, ARE BECOMING
ALLIGNED IN THE SOCIALIST BLOC." EDITORIAL PRAISED U.S.
"REDISCOVERY OF LATAM" AND PARTICULARLY THE "DEEPENING
OF SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL," AND ADDS: "IN THE
SPEECH HE MADE IN BRASILIA, KISSINGER DID NOTHING BUT
RECOGNIZE THE OBVIOUS, I.E., THAT 'BRAZIL IS A GREAT
COUNTRY...TAKING ITS PLACE IN THE FIRST RANK OF NATIONS'
...THE RESULTS OF KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BRASILIA ARE
MODEST, YET IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE 'SPECIAL RELATIONS'
THAT ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE NOW

INSTITUTIONALIZED..FOR THE MOMENT, THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY
IS THE OVERCOMING OF COMMERCIAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN
THE TWO NATIONS,..."

9. MAJOR PAPERS CARRY STORY ON KISSINGER'S MEETING IN
RIO WITH SECONDARY LEVEL GOB OFFICIALS, WITH EMPHASIS
ON KISSINGER'S CONCERN OVER GROWING TREND TOWARD
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